



ROBERT WALKER TO SERVE AS CHAIR FOR THE BOREAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

[Toronto, June 6, 2012] - The Boreal Leadership Council has selected Robert Walker to serve as the Chair for the Boreal Leadership Council.

Robert Walker is the Vice President of Environmental, Social, and Governance Services and Ethical Funds for NEI Investments (NEI), an investment management company with approximately \$5 billion in assets under management. NEI manages Ethical Funds, Canada's largest socially responsible mutual fund family.

The Boreal Leadership Council, first convened in 2003, is comprised of leading conservation groups, Aboriginal groups, resource companies and financial institutions, all of which have an interest and a stake in the future of Canada's Boreal Forest. Through Ethical Funds, NEI was the first financial company to sign onto the Boreal Leadership Council.

As part of its corporate engagement program, Ethical Funds has urged oil and gas companies and banks to support the Canadian Boreal Initiative, dedicated to preserving the forest's ecological diversity and contribution to Canada's cultural heritage.

ABOUT NEI INVESTMENTS

NEI Investments is a national investment firm with approximately \$5 billion in assets under management. It offers Canadian retail investors unique access to top independent money managers through high quality investment solutions in two fund families, Northwest Funds and Ethical Funds. Its products provide investors with a full range of investment management styles as well as conventional and socially responsible investment choices.

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